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1.	Statement					
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-6	_ YES		
		Claims		_ NO		
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-6	_ YES		
		Claims		_ NO		
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-6	_ YES		
		Claims		_ NO		

- 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)
 - 1 Reference is made to the following document:

D1: US-B1-6 222 443.

Document D1 is considered the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1. It discloses a tow vehicle, a trailer and a trailer coupling, wherein the trailer has data lines for the transmission of the control data and power supply lines for a power supply to the components, and wherein the tow vehicle has a voltage generator for producing a periodically fluctuating carrier signal, a signal modulator modulates the control data onto the carrier signal and a transmitter is disposed in the tow part of the tow vehicle so as to transmit the carrier signal onto which the control data have been modulated to a transmitter near the hitch part of the trailer, wherein a demodulator in the trailer splits the total signal transmitted by inductive coupling into a carrier signal and the control data, and the control data are intended for controlling a component in the trailer.

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The subject matter of claim 1 therefore differs from the known tow vehicle in that it is an articulated vehicle and that a fifth-wheel coupling assigned to the tow vehicle and a coupling part assigned to the semi-trailer is provided for mechanically connecting the tow vehicle and the semi-trailer, wherein the coupling part assigned to the tow vehicle is a fifth-wheel pick-up plate and the coupling part assigned to the semi-trailer is in the form of a matching fifth-wheel kingpin, wherein a transmitter is disposed in the pick-up plate of the tow vehicle so as to transmit the carrier signal onto which the control data have been modulated to a transmitter near the fifth-wheel kingpin of the semi-trailer, and wherein the transmitter in the fifth-wheel pick-up plate of the tow vehicle is a toroidal coil whose straight or curved longitudinal axis is essentially parallel to the plane of the fifth-wheel pick-up plate.

Consequently, the subject matter of claim 1 is novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

2.1 The problem to be solved by the present invention is therefore understood to be that of creating a space-saving transmission system for an articulated vehicle, which does not require a mechanical coupling of the electrical plug-in connector of the electric lines.

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The solution to this problem, as proposed in claim 1 of the present application, does not involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)), for the following reasons:

The arrangement of the transmitter toroidal coil parallel to the plane of the pick-up plate creates a compact transmission device. The combination of features contained in claim 1 is not suggested by the present prior art.

- 2.2 Claims 3 and 4 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.
- 2.3 Dependent claims 2, 5 and 6 respectively relate to an articulated vehicle, a tow vehicle and a semitrailer. They contain the inventive features of claim 1 and therefore likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.